

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-2, 8-12, and 18-19 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the originally filed Specification at paragraphs [0010] and [0011]. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6 and 11-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hsu et al. (EP 1072986 A2). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Hsu et al. is generally directed toward extracting data from semi-structured text. In particular, the Examiner relies on Hsu et al. to teach grouping of tokens of similar attributes together, such as tokens forming a URL. However, Hsu et al. do not teach partitioning an input data stream into substrings corresponding to tokens by taking context of a token into account and using it as a precondition to its recognition.

Applicant's claimed invention is generally directed toward a context-aware tokenizer. In particular, Applicant's claimed invention is directed toward partitioning an input data stream into substrings corresponding to tokens by taking context of a token into account and using it as a precondition to its recognition. For example, independent claim 1, especially as amended, recites, "A context-aware tokenizer comprising: at least one context automaton module that generates a context record associated with text strings of an input data stream; a tokenizing automaton module having a token automaton that partitions said input data stream into substrings corresponding to tokens by taking context of a token into account and using it as a precondition to its

recognition.” Independent claim 11, especially as amended, recites similar subject matter. Thus, Hsu et al. do not teach all of the limitations of the independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of independent claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), along with rejection on these grounds of all claims dependent therefrom.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu et al. (EP 1072986 A2) in view of Reps (ACM 1998). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Reps is generally directed toward “maximal munch” tokenization in linear time. In particular, the Examiner relies on Reps to teach a linear time operating constraint. However, Reps does not teach, suggest, or motivate partitioning an input data stream into substrings corresponding to tokens by taking context of a token into account and using it as a precondition to its recognition.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 7 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of their dependence from allowable base claims 1 and 11.

Claims 8 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu et al. (EP 1072986 A2) in view of Periera et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,781,884). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Periera et al. is generally directed toward grapheme to phoneme conversion of digit strings using weighted finite state transducers to apply grammar powers of a

number basis. In particular, the Examiner relies on Periera et al. to teach a text to speech wherein the information from the partitioning influences the pronunciation of the text string. However, Periera et al. do not teach, suggest, or motivate partitioning an input data stream into substrings corresponding to tokens by taking context of a token into account and using it as a precondition to its recognition.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 8 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of their dependence from allowable base claims 1 and 11.

Claims 9, 10 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu et al. (EP 1072986 A2) in view of Corston-Oliver et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 20020138248). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Corston-Oliver et al. is generally directed toward linguistically elegant text compression. In particular, the Examiner relies on Corston-Oliver to teach a message parser coupled to a linguistic analyzer, wherein an input message contains Japanese text that inherently lacks word space indicators. However, Corston-Oliver et al. do not teach, suggest, or motivate partitioning an input data stream into substrings corresponding to tokens by taking context of a token into account and using it as a precondition to its recognition.

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matter. Thus, Hsu et al. and Corston-Oliver et al. do not teach, suggest, or motivate all of the limitations of the independent claims. These differences are significant.

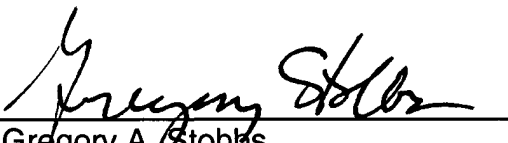
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 9, 10, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of their dependence from allowable base claims 1 and 11.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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